

AMERICAN SAMOA STATISTICS NEWS



Subject: American Samoa Consumer Price Index - 2nd Quarter 2016

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Director's Approval: 

The Consumer Price Index for the 2nd quarter of 2016 registered at 131.9 points. The index is 0.1 percent higher than the first quarter of 2016 and 0.5 percent lower than the same quarter of the previous year. Annual inflation is at -0.5 percent.

Movements of Major CPI Groups:

Food Group dropped by 0.3 percent from the previous quarter due to lower prices of meat products such as: lamp necks, lamp flaps, steaks, salted beef, sausage, ham, and chicken wings.

Alcoholic Beverage Group slightly increased by 0.2 percent due to an increase in Rum.

Housing Group registered a 0.4 percent quarterly increase because of slightly higher prices carpets, kitchen appliances and laundry supplies.

Apparel Group declined by 0.2 percent as men's shirts, boy's pants, undergarments and diapers all dropped in the quarter.

Transportation Group registered the highest quarterly increase of 0.8 percent. Fuel cost at the pumps increased by an average 8%.

Medical Care Group slightly dropped by 0.1 percent due to lower prices of other medical supplies.

Recreation Group increased by 0.6 percent because of higher cost of pet food and bingo cards.

Education and Communication Group dropped by 0.3 percent.

Other Goods and Services Group index remained about the same in the quarter.

Groups	2nd Qtr 2015	1st Qtr 2016	4th Qtr 2015	2nd Qtr 2015	Quarterly Percent Chg frm Q- 1 to Q2- 2016	Annual Percent Chg frm Q2 - '15 to Q-2 '16
All Items Index	131.9	131.7	132.7	132.5	0.1	-0.5
Food	155.0	155.5	156.7	157.5	-0.3	-1.6
Alcoholic Beverages	127.8	127.6	127.7	128.8	0.2	-0.7
Housing	124.4	123.9	126.1	125.5	0.4	-0.9
Apparel	121.0	121.3	120.7	119.5	-0.2	1.3
Transportation	128.6	127.6	128.5	130.5	0.8	-1.4
Medical Care	127.8	128.0	127.1	127.0	-0.1	0.7
Recreation	114.2	113.5	113.4	112.9	0.6	1.1
Education and Communication	111.1	111.4	111.1	107.5	-0.3	3.4
Other Goods and Services	131.3	131.4	132.7	129.8	0.0	1.2